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Lebanese/French, born 1957, married, three children

**Fully fluent in Arabic, English and French.**

## KEY COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS

Ability to engage in constructive debates, rigorous challenges and effective decision-making.

Team working spirit and high ability to adapt to different situations.

Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

Good critical thinking skills along with continuous seeking of innovation and creativity.

Multidisciplinarity and mastery of tools of publishing and editing as well as documentary skills.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- 1990-92      **«Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies»** (DEA) in education: *The Role of Educational and Vocational Guidance in the Comprehensive Development Process in the Arab Countries. The cases of Lebanon and Syria.* University of Paris VIII, France.
- 1991          **Doctoral Formation Cycle** : *«Pouvoirs et Sociétés en Méditerranée Moderne et Contemporaine»*. Ecole Méditerranéenne CUM-University of Provence, France.
- 1986          **M.A. Science Education**: *Understanding of Particle Nature of Matter*. American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon. **Minor: Educational Psychology** (all courses but no thesis)
- 1979          - **B.S. Chemistry** - AUB, Lebanon.  
              - **Teaching Diploma**, Teaching of Science - AUB, Lebanon.
- 1991-2017    Participating in more than 40 workshops and refreshing courses mainly in education, communication, management and quality control.
- 2021-2022    Workshops on Author rights, Mind mapping, Agile, PMB Administrator, Valuation of company archives.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2003          *The development of the Internet in Lebanon* (in French). In Franck Mermier (ed.), **Mondialisation et nouveaux médias dans l'espace arabe** (pp. 261-271) - Maisonneuve & Larose. Paris - France
- 2001          **Internet and the Sources of Information in Lebanon** (in French) - Centre d'Etudes et Recherches sur le Moyen-Orient Contemporain (CERMOC). Beirut - Lebanon.

- 1999 **A guide to reproductive health resources** (in Arabic) - Arab Resource Collective (ARC). Beirut - Lebanon. (Reorganization of data, creation of indexes, planning of questionnaires, creation of an electronic version)
- 1991 Interview with a Lebanese woman writer - in the French monthly magazine **Nouvelles du Liban**. Paris - France.
- 1990 Series of sociopolitical articles titled «*Lexique*» in the French monthly magazine **Nouvelles du Liban** - Paris.
- 1988-90 Series of articles titled *Career Exploration* in the Arabic monthly journal **Al-Manaber** - Beirut, Lebanon.
- 1986-87 Creation of three educational board games published by **Tala Games and Educational Media** - Beirut, Lebanon.
- 1984 Two manual-work booklets for children titled *Don't Throw It, We Will Use It*. **Dar Al-Mouthalath and Scientific and Cultural Studies Center** - Beirut, Lebanon.
- 1981-82 Series of articles for children titled *The Children's Laboratory*. **Bisat al-Reeh** (children magazine) - Beirut, Lebanon.

## UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH

- Teaching of Science in the 19th Century Arab World through the Arabic Scientific Periodicals: The Case of Lebanon** (Includes a chapter on the history of Scientific Arabic press).
- The Role of the Press in the Popular Understanding of Science in France**

## LECTURES and INTERVIEWS

- 10 May 2014 Teaching science and math in Arabic: a blessing or a curse? **Lebanon Education Forum Conference**. Holiday Inn - Beirut, Lebanon.
- 11 Dec 2010 The experience of the Student Parliament at Imam Al Hassan High School. **Towards Democratic Practice in School Conference** under the patronage of the Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr. Hassan Mneimneh. UNESCO Hall - Beirut, Lebanon
- 2008-2019 Numerous press, radio and television interviews as an educational expert that dealt with various administrative and educational subjects, most recently with Al-Youm TV - Alfa/Orbit in September 2019.
- 22 Nov 2022 Conservation and promotion of scientific heritage INRAE. A lecture within the **Annual Scientific and Technical Information (IST) Seminar**. Paris, France.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Current Position

- 2021-till now    **Managing Editor Agronomy for Sustainable Development (ASD)**  
 In charge of promoting scientific heritage INRAE and editorial innovation  
 Administrator of collective catalog of INRAE libraries BeL-INRAE  
 Referent of the chemistry domain in INRAE thesaurus.
- Participating in groups of transversal projects of collective interest, within the Direction for Open Science.
  - Communication and mediation, editorialization, to promote INRAE collections on the AGATE website, heritage digital library, opened in December 2022 in conjunction with researchers and the INRAE History Committee
  - Managing ASD journal and restructuring the workflow of the journal in collaboration with the 3 editors in chief.
  - Participating in the reflection on innovative editorial tools, in tests, choices and possible support.
  - Member of the working group: Transition and promotion of INRAE journals (among others we work on the transition of all these journals into gold or diamond open access).
  - Planning and launching an audit of BeL-INRAE.
  - Animating the network of INRAE library managers.
  - Training the new library managers.
  - Monitoring of the future of the paper/digital collections of INRAE libraries.
  - Restructuring of the Micro-thesaurus “chemistry” and prioritizing its concepts in collaboration with other members of the thesaurus editing committee.

### Information Science and Services

- 2018-2021    **Coordinator of Al Montada al Amili al Watani (Amilieh National Forum) - Beirut, Lebanon**
- Launching the Forum, planning and executing its annual activities program (after the probation of the administrative committee) and building its public image.
  - Building an internal database to facilitate communication, public relations and sending invitations to participate in the planned activities.
  - Preparing and calling for meetings of the administrative committee of the forum and continuous communication with its members.
- 2000-2001    **Adviser of the General Manager of the Middle East Center for Studies and Public Relations (H&D), Beirut - Lebanon.**
- 1999-2003    **Associated Researcher, Member of the group of research: Globalization and media in the Middle East. CERMOC (currently IFPO), Beirut - Lebanon.**
- Member and technical adviser of the group (information and computer related issues including Internet).
  - Personal contribution in the research project: The Internet Infrastructure and Status in Lebanon, overview and comparison with other Arab countries.
- 1999- 2002    **Consultant in Information Technology and Communication Science, Press and Information Services (PIS), Beirut - Lebanon.**
- Designing and implementing information systems.
  - Designing the informational content and structure of Web sites and supervising the site construction.
  - Planning information campaigns and supervising the implementation.
  - Setting up public image for companies and NGO's.

- 1998-1999 Publications, information and documentation officer, Arab Resource Collective (ARC), Beirut - Lebanon.
- Constructing the electronic information system of the company including the development of several MS-Access databases.
  - Organizing the electronic archives, including the modification of the old procedures for the hardcopy production and the reorganization of the corresponding workflow.
  - Coordinating the production of several publications in electronic and hard copy versions.
  - Assuring PC support for the coordinators and other staff members, including the upgrading of the hardware and the updating of the software.
  - Organizing a successful promotion campaign for the participation in the "International and Arabic Book Exposition" that resulted in a sales increase of 30 % with respect to the previous year participation.
  - Planning and implementing a bilingual (Arabic-English) web site (<http://www.mawared.org>), including the conduction of the prerequisite technical study.
  - Constructing a MS-Access application for the automatic mailing campaigns.

### Documentation and Library Science

- 1994-1998 Reference librarian, Central Unit of Documentation, National Institute of Agricultural Research (INRA) - Jouy-en-Josas, France
- 1993-94 Librarian, National Library of France (BNF) - Paris.
- 1992-93 Coordinator librarian, Multimedia Library, « Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie » - Paris.
- 1992 Curator, « Bibliothèque Inter-Universitaire de Pharmacie », Paris.

### Education

- 2014-2018 Principal of Amilieh Elementary School - Beirut, Lebanon
- Building a coherent management team and redistributing responsibilities.
  - Preparing and executing an intensive training program for teachers dealing with all aspects of educational and psychological, based on a scanning survey of the needs of the educational body.
  - Developing a new vision and message for the school that emphasizes its role as a center for the development of the leadership personality of the student and strengthening his moral values and developing his social and life skills and critical thinking. With all that entails the introduction of extracurricular and extracurricular activities that help to build character and provide the necessary life skills.
  - Training and capacity building for teachers through workshops, tutoring and problem-solving.
  - Developing the relationship with parents to the level of partnership and mutual interaction and the establishment of a series of workshops dedicated to them under the title "Lets talk on Breakfast".
- 2008-2014 Principal of Imam Al-Hassan High School (Mabarrat) – Hadath, Lebanon
- Managing 1700 students from KG to Secondary level.
  - Heading 209 teachers, coordinators and administrative staff, including 4 cycle directors and human resources manager.
  - Implementing quality control procedures.
  - Member of the Mabarrat steering committee for conceiving and implementing the school management integrated system.
  - Representing Al-Mabarrat Association in the consultative meetings on the National Strategic Plan for Information and Communication Technologies for Learning and Education in Lebanon - Ministry of Education, Lebanon.
- 2001-2008 Principal of Amilieh High School - Beirut, Lebanon
- Restructuring the administrative structure.
  - Revising, updating and introducing new procedures to enhance the efficacy of the teaching –learning process on one hand and the administrative procedures on the other.

- Reformulating the teacher-student relationship from a classical one into a mutual respect relationship and at the same time preserving the teacher's authority on his students.
- Capacity building for the teachers and the administrative personnel.
- Reinforcing the extra-curricular activities as a factor of promoting the development of the student personality, cultivating their sense of responsibility, increasing their participation in community service, encouraging their creative expression, and favoring the emergence of team spirit.
- Introducing workshops, lectures, and activities to promote respect of the other, tolerance, recognition of individual differences, and sensibility to intercultural background among Amilieh students.
- Fund-raising to modernize the existing equipment, acquire new teaching materials, and train teachers on the use of computers in the teaching process. The fund-raising was addressed to school graduates, local universities, French Cultural Center, American Embassy, and some private companies.
- Launching and managing the Journal "Sawt al-Amilieh" (In Arabic) in collaboration with Dr Hasan Kobeissi.

2002-2003 Lecturer, Education Department, American University of Science and Technology (AUST) - Beirut, Lebanon.

- Subject: - Essentials of Education, Methodology of Research (1<sup>st</sup> semester).  
 - Essentials of Education, Educational psychology (summer session)

1986-87 Research Assistant, Education Department, AUB - Beirut, Lebanon.

- Subject: - Audiovisual Materials (1<sup>st</sup> semester).  
 - Methodology of Teaching Science (2<sup>nd</sup> semester).

1979-89 Teacher, chemistry and physical science, Makassed schools - Beirut, Lebanon.

- Teaching chemistry for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> secondary classes and physical science for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Establishing training sessions for Makassed students to prepare them for Entrance exams of the local universities (mainly AUB and BUC at that time).
- Encouraging students to develop projects related to their study program and helping them outside the regular teaching hours.